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PREVIOUSLY IN KING SPAWN

Spawn was led into a trap by the mysterious RAVEN SPAWN. Raven Spawn was quickly dispatched by Al, but was that the plan all along?

IF SPAWN IS BEING USED IN THIS EPIC GAME OF WAR, WHO, IF ANYONE, IS ITS **PUPPET MASTER?**

NO!

I'LL **NEVER** BEND A KNEE TO SPAWN-- OR ANYONE ELSE!

YOU WANT TO BE HIS SERVANT, GO AHEAD! **NOT ME!**

WHAT ABOUT YOU, **ORDEAL**, DID YOU DO WHAT I SUGGESTED?

HE PRESENTS HIMSELF AS A SMALL, FAT TRICKSTER. TO MAKE HIMSELF SEEM WEAK TO THE OTHERS, HE KNOWS HIS **NEW FORM** WOULD BE TOO IMPOSING FOR THEM.

A BUFFOON CAN ASK FOR HELP AND YOU BELIEVE YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE THE UPPER HAND. THAT THE CHOICES YOU'RE MAKING ARE ACTUALLY YOUR OWN.

WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTS YOU TO THINK.

I DID. MY MASTER GAVE HIS BLESSING.

FOR WHAT?

OH, DEAR BOY...YOU STILL HAVE MUCH TO LEARN.



"I'M A VESSEL SWORN
TO DELIVER MISERY FROM
MY LORD MASTER CALLED
NIGHTMARE. MY BODY
CONTAINS SECRETS AND
POWERS OTHERS ONLY
UTTER IN THEIR DREAMS.

"JEALOUSY. BLASPHEMY.
SIN. I CAN GROW ANY OF
THESE SHAMEFUL DEEDS.

"I MANIFEST THEM.
MAKE THEM ALL
SEEM SO REAL.

"I ENTER ALL
THE TRAITS YOU
WISH YOU DIDN'T
HAVE...AND
WAKE
THEM UP!!



"THEN I WATCH
AS THEY LET
THEIR HEARTS
TURN BLACK.
SOULLESS."



ARE
YOU...
WATCHING
SOMEONE
NOW?



I AM.
BUT LIKE
EVERYONE
ELSE HE
DOESN'T
KNOW
IT.

A man with dark skin and curly hair is sitting on a bed in a dimly lit room. He is wearing a dark tank top and is holding a handgun in his right hand. He is looking towards the left with a concerned expression. A smartphone is on the bed next to him. In the background, there is a framed picture on the wall and a bedside table with a lamp.

"HE'S SO FOCUSED ON HIS OWN FEARS, HE'S OBLIVIOUS TO WHAT'S **REALLY** COMING HIS WAY."

"SO CERTAIN THAT SPAWN IS HUNTING HIM, HE'S NOT SLEEPING. AND BARELY EATING."

"THAT'S WHERE I MEET HIM; IN HIS LIMINAL STATE BETWEEN SLEEP AND WAKE. WHERE I FEED HIM HIS FEARS AND PARANOIA."

"HE'S A MAN NAMED TERRY FITZGERALD."

THEY SAID ROOM NINE.

HERE, THIS IS IT.

?

CREEK

A HOOKER AND HER JOHN, THAT'S ALL THEY ARE. BUT IN HIS CURRENT STATE, TERRY CONVINCES HIMSELF THEY'RE **ASSASSINS** GIVEN THEIR MISSION BY SPAWN.

OH MY GOD. **DON'T**, PLEASE!

DID HE SEND YOU??

HE WANTS **ME DEAD** DOESN'T HE?!

THEN YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO **WORK FOR IT!** I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE THIS **EASY**, YOU HEAR ME?! AND WHAT? WEARING SOME HUMAN SKINS TRYING TO TRICK ME, YOU DON'T THINK I **KNOW WHAT YOU ARE!**

LOOK BABY, DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ON OR WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR HEAD.

BUT LET'S JUST ALL TAKE A DEEP BREATH.



TERRY WON'T DO THAT, HIS CHEST IS PUMPING SO HARD...

...HE CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING.

GO!
GET OUT OF
HERE!

WE'RE
GOING! WE'RE
GOING!

TELL
HIM I'M
READY!

THAT
I'M NOT
AFRAID!

VIP

VIP

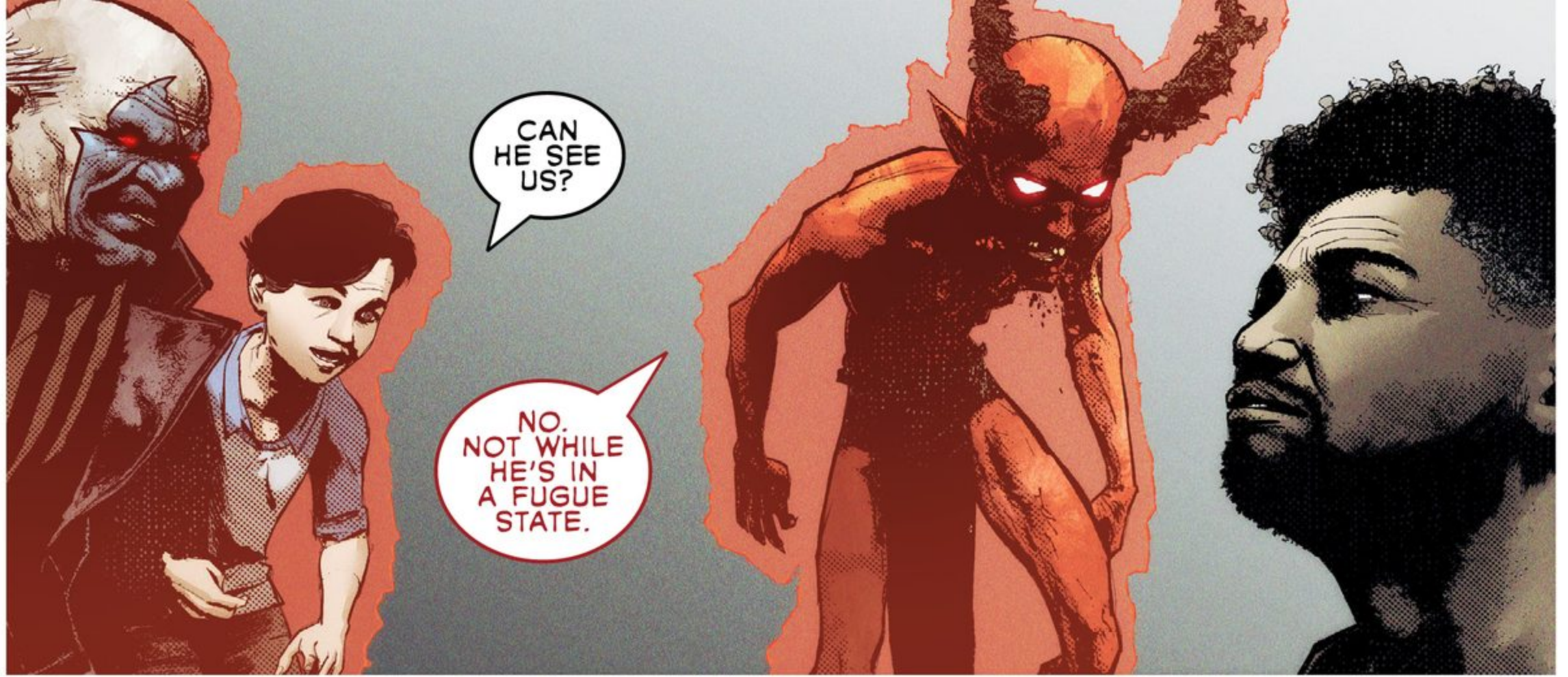
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WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
HIM?

HE'S SEES
MONSTERS.
EVERYWHERE.

BUT HE'S
ALSO THE ONE
PERSON SPAWN
SAID COULD
STOP HIM.



CAN HE SEE US?

NO. NOT WHILE HE'S IN A FUGUE STATE.



GOOD. THAT MAKES HIM USEFUL.



GO AHEAD, CALL THE OTHERS LIKE A GOOD BOY.

IT'S TERRY, I **NEED** YOU, RIGHT NOW! NOT THE OTHERS JUST YOU.



IF HIS FRIENDS ARE COMING, WHY DO YOU NEED US? CAN'T THEY FIGHT SPAWN?

NOT IF THEY DON'T KNOW HE'S A THREAT. BY THE TIME THEY DO, IT MAY BE TOO LATE... FOR ALL OF US.



AND IF NO ONE IS LEFT TO REASON WITH HIM, HE'LL RULE THE THRONE LIKE A TYRANT BENT ON DESTROYING HEAVEN AND HELL.

THEN WHO WILL BE LEFT TO STOP HIM? NO ONE.

HE'LL BURN EVERYTHING IN HIS PATH WITH THE THRONE'S POWERS ADDED TO HIS OWN, THE ONLY ONES HE'LL LEAVE BREATHING WILL BE HIS SLAVES. WHAT YOU SEE IS SPAWN'S MIND, THE FUTURE HE WANTS.

TERRY, MEDIEVAL, JESSICA, GUNSLINGER. NONE OF THEM MEAN NOTHING IN HIS QUEST TO LORD OVER EVERYTHING!

HE DREAMS OF BURNING THEM ALL TO ASHES, WIPING CLEAN HIS ENTIRE PAST. THAT'S WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF ANY FACTION SUCCEEDS IN MAKING HIM KING!

CAW

AN INTRUDER BREAKS ORDEAL'S SPELL OF SPAWN'S MIND.



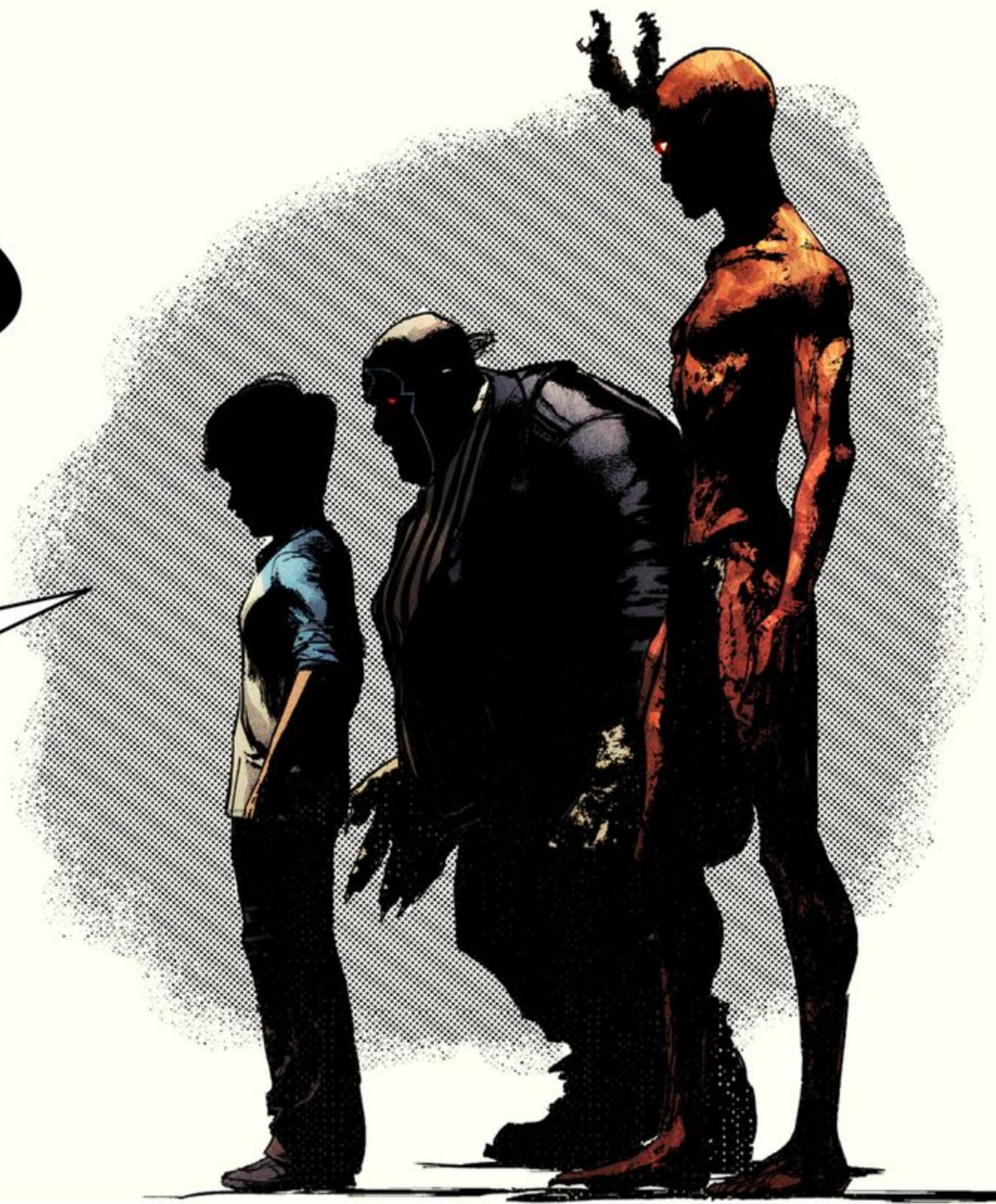
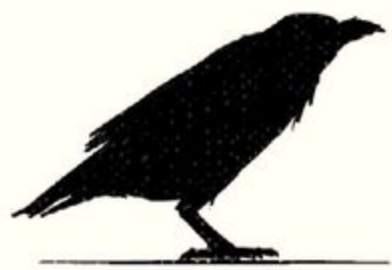
BOTH SIDES STAND SILENT
ASSESSING ONE ANOTHER.
THE BLACK INTRUDER IS FIRST
TO ASSERT ITS POSITION.

HOW CAN
YOU DEFEAT
AN ENEMY WHOSE
IDENTITY YOU **DON'T**
KNOW? YOU'RE
FLAILING.

WHO IS THE
KING? THAT'S THE ONLY
QUESTION YOU SHOULD BE
ASKING. AND WHEN YOU ANSWER
THAT, THEN ASK YOURSELF
WHY DO I THINK
THAT'S TRUE?

IT'S
SPAWN.

MY
QUESTION IS
WHY
DO YOU BELIEVE
THAT?



ORDEAL, YOU
SAID YOU HAD
YOUR MASTER'S
PERMISSION!

I DID.

THEN
WHY'S
THAT THING
HERE?



IT
SHOULDN'T
BE, AND IT
COULD TRAP
US INSIDE
SPAWN'S MIND
IF WE DON'T
LEAVE.



YOU'VE
BETRAYED US,
ORDEAL!

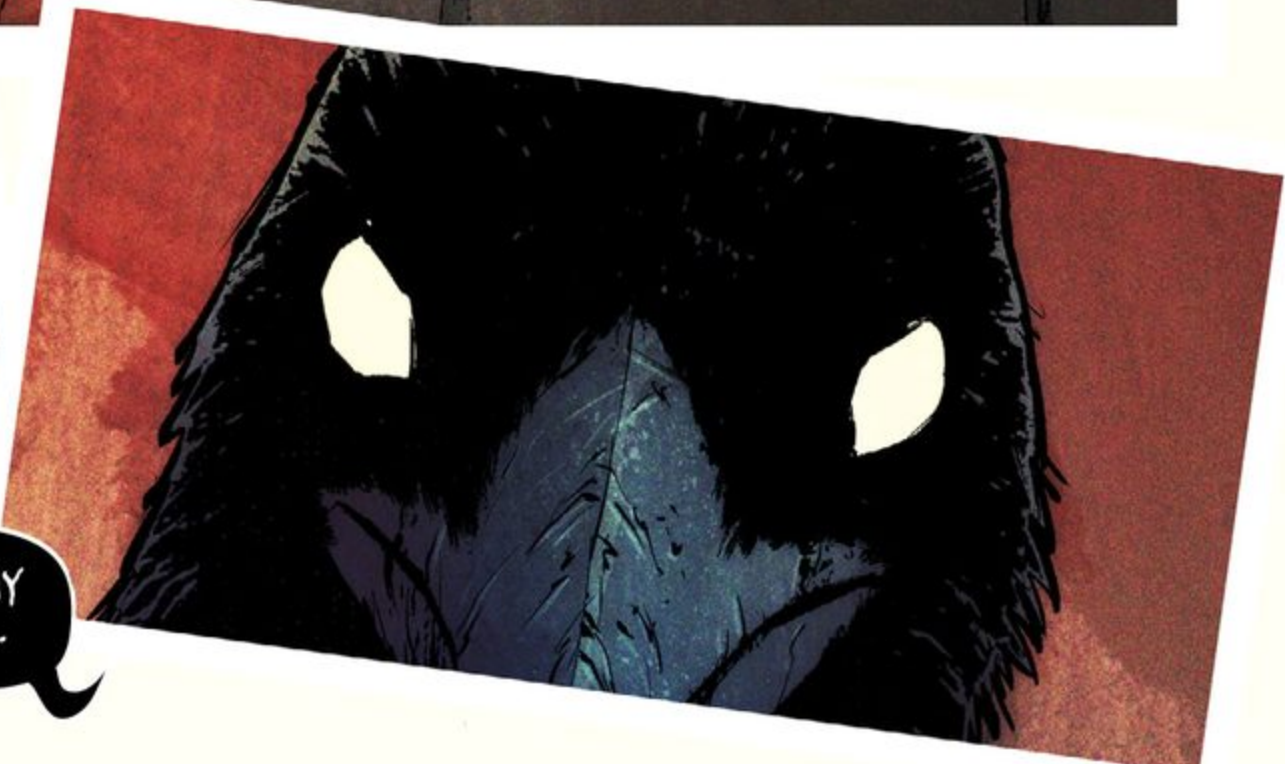
I DIDN'T
KNOW!

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.



IT'S
JUST A
BIRD.

NO, MY
BOY...





I'M A
RAVEN!

AND LIKE
YOU, I'M FIGHTING TO
CONTAIN THE CHAOS THAT'S
EXPLODED EVERYWHERE.
THIS IS A CRUSADE, MY
BOY--ARE YOU READY
FOR THAT?!

YOU'VE BEEN
CHOSEN BECAUSE
YOU'RE NOT LIKE
THE OTHERS.

YOU'RE
BETTER THAN
THEM!

GAIA. CLOWN.
SPAWN. EVERYONE! YOU ARE
LIKE THE 'KING SLAYER'
WITH A GREAT MISSION AHEAD
OF YOU...BUT ONLY IF YOU
CAN FIGURE OUT WHO'S
REALLY THE KING.



BUT
FIRST YOU MUST
SURVIVE.

MASTER,
THE BOY
DOESN'T
YET...

YOU
SHOULDN'T BE
HERE!



YOU'VE
SEALED
YOUR
FATE!

WE
NEED A
SHADOW, A
PASSAGE-
WAY--

**MAKE
ONE!!**



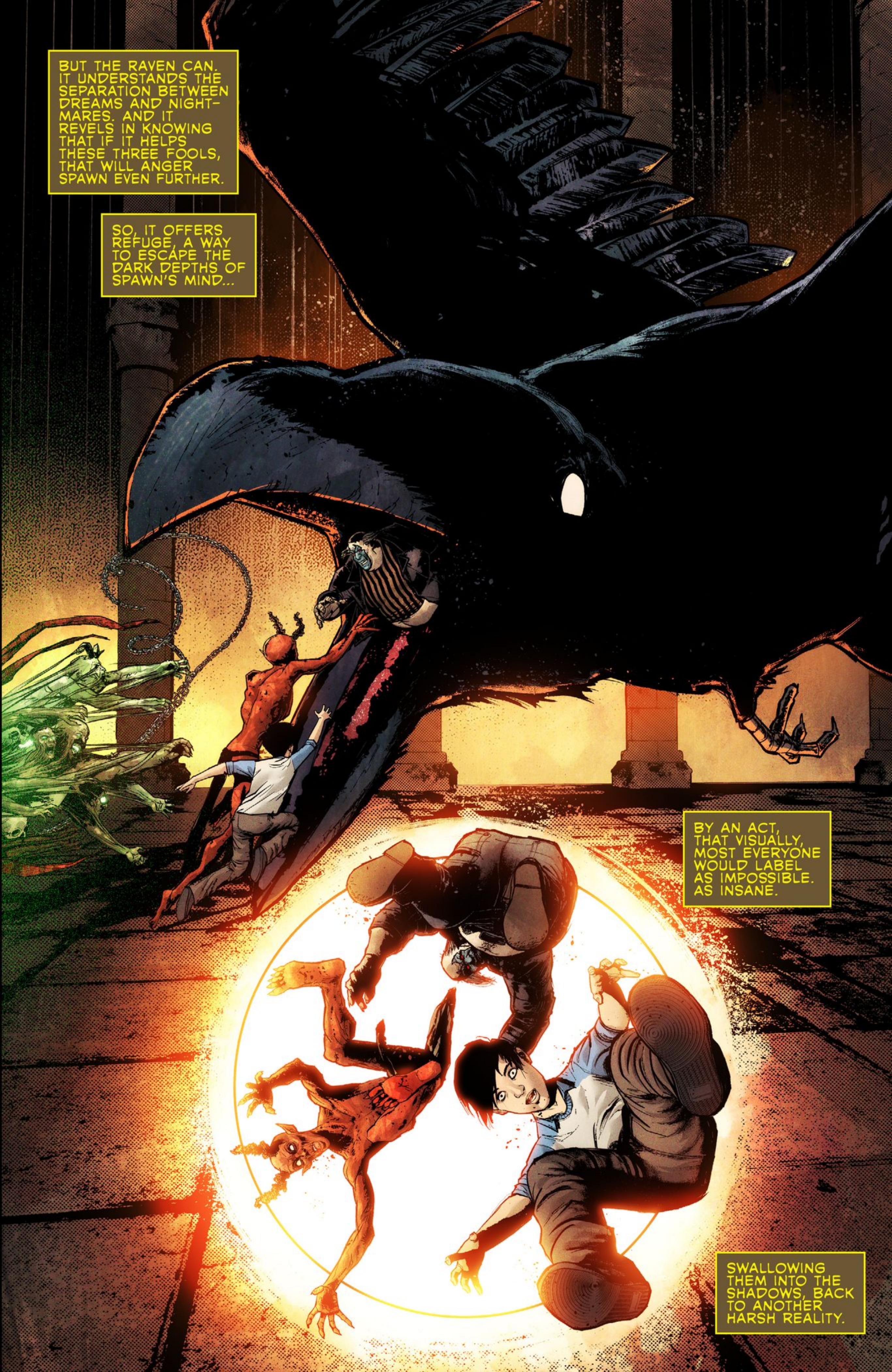
I TRAVEL
IN THEM, I
CAN'T BUILD
THEM.

BUT THE RAVEN CAN.
IT UNDERSTANDS THE
SEPARATION BETWEEN
DREAMS AND NIGHT-
MARES. AND IT
REVELS IN KNOWING
THAT IF IT HELPS
THESE THREE FOOLS,
THAT WILL ANGER
SPAWN EVEN FURTHER.

SO, IT OFFERS
REFUGE, A WAY
TO ESCAPE THE
DARK DEPTHS OF
SPAWN'S MIND...

BY AN ACT,
THAT VISUALLY,
MOST EVERYONE
WOULD LABEL
AS IMPOSSIBLE.
AS INSANE.

SWALLOWING
THEM INTO THE
SHADOWS, BACK
TO ANOTHER
HARSH REALITY.





IT'S NOT IN
MY NATURE TO SAVE
OTHERS AND I WON'T
MAKE IT A HABIT, BUT
YOU, ALL OF YOU,
KNOW THE SAME
THING I DO...

SPAWN
MUST BE
STOPPED.

HE DOESN'T
WIELD THE THRONE'S
POWER, BUT HE'S
DELUDED HIMSELF INTO
THINKING HE CAN SAVE
HIS **WIFE'S SOUL** AND
THE WAY HE BELIEVES
THAT CAN BE DONE IS
TO BECOME HELL'S
RULER.

IF THAT
HAPPENS, HE'LL
PUSH US ALL TO
BEND THE KNEE
TO HIS SERVITUDE.
I'LL NOT DO THAT.
I'LL NOT LOWER
MY HEAD
TO HIM.

NEITHER
SHOULD ANY
OF YOU.



YOU'D BETTER
TREAD CAREFULLY,
RAVEN, YOU'RE COMING
LATE TO THIS PARTY.
THERE'S SOME WHO
MIGHT NOT TAKE TOO
KINDLY TO YOUR
INTERFERENCE.

I'M
DISINTERESTED
IN WHAT THEY
THINK.

WHAT
YOU
THINK.

THAT
WOULDN'T
BE WISE.

THEN
SHOW ME.
LET ME SEE IF
YOU'RE ANY-
THING MORE
THAN A
JOKE.

THIS IS
A WASTE OF
TIME. WE
SHOULD...

SHUT UP!

THIS ISN'T
YOUR FIGHT,
KOMOX.

YOU SEE
RAVEN'S BEEN
WANTING TO MAKE
HIMSELF RELEVANT
FOR CENTURIES, BECAUSE
HE WON'T ACCEPT THAT
THE REASON HE KEEPS
FAILING, IS BECAUSE HE
DOESN'T HAVE WHAT
IT TAKES. ISN'T
THAT RIGHT,
RAVEN?

WHY
DON'T YOU
TELL THEM,
CLOWN? TELL
THEM WHY YOU'RE
SO ANGRY.
YOU WANT THE
THRONE FOR
YOURSELF,
DON'T
YOU?

FOR AN AWKWARD MOMENT ALL EYES FALL ON CLOWN. IF WHAT RAVEN SAYS IS TRUE--THEN ALL OF THEM HAVE BEEN USED.

I DON'T WANT THE THRONE; I JUST DON'T WANT A FUTURE RULED BY ANY HELLSPAWN. I'VE SEEN WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE, I'VE BEEN THERE.

WHERE WE'RE ALL SLAVES TO SIMMONS' DEAD WIFE, UNTIL IT ALL DISAPPEARS!

LIKE **BABYLON**: THE GREATEST CITY IN THE BIBLE. ONCE IT WAS CONQUERED IT BECAME DUST.

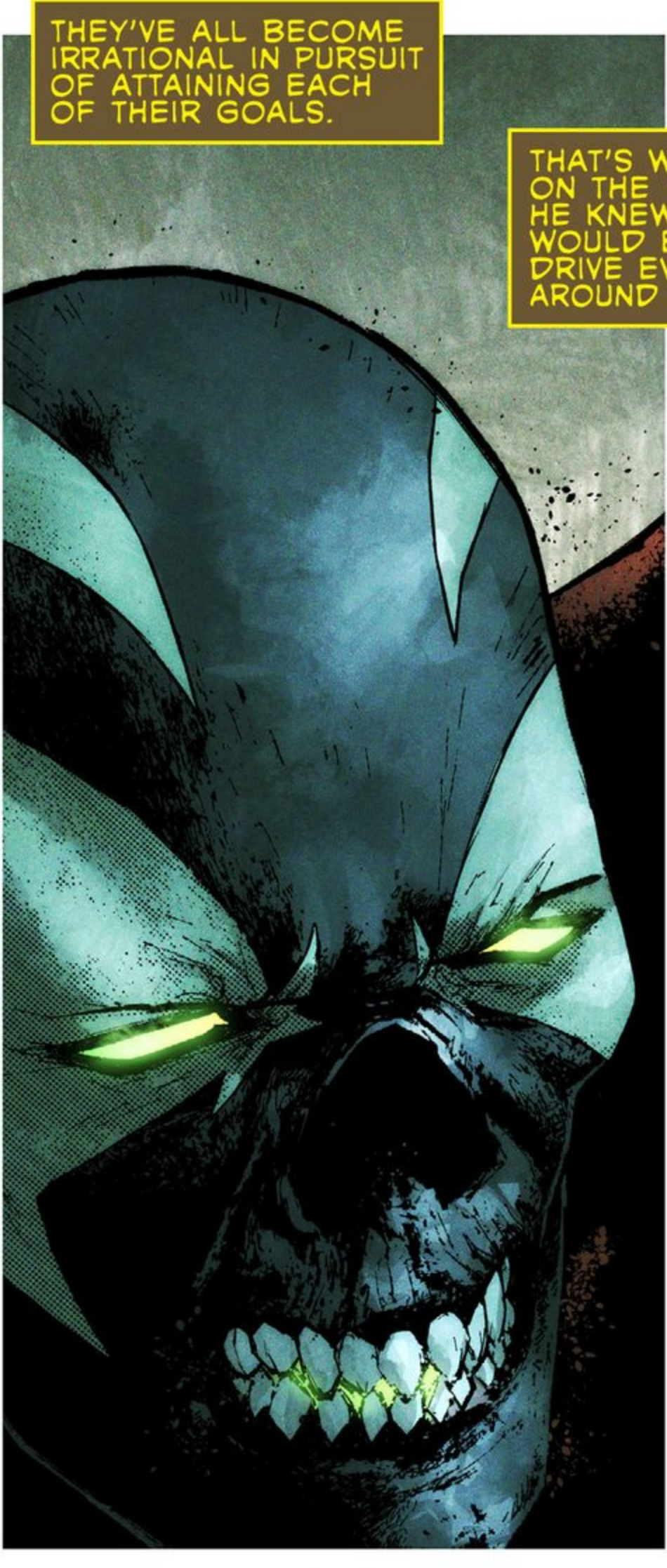
IT BECAME NOTHING. AND ALL THOSE THAT VIED FOR IT, WHO BATTLED AND MURDERED FOR IT... THEY BECAME **DUST** AS WELL.



AS THEY CONTINUE
THEIR DEBATE,
NONE ARE AWARE
HOW CLOSE THEIR
ENEMY ACTUALLY IS.

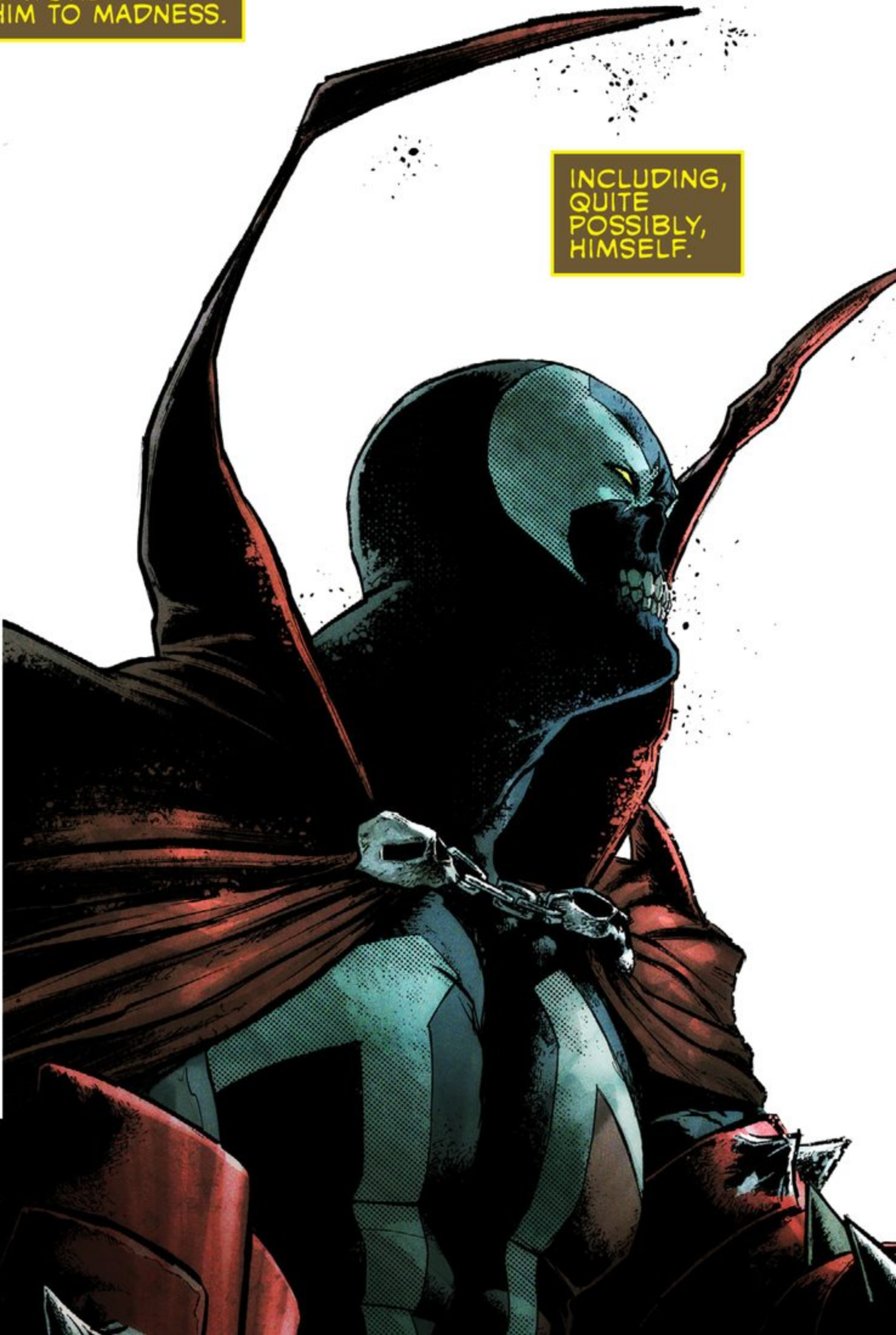
WHAT MUST IT BE LIKE FOR
SPAWN? TO SEE HIS ENEMIES
AND HIS KINDRED, PLOTTING
TO CONSPIRE AGAINST HIM.

WHY? BECAUSE THEY'RE
AFRAID HE MIGHT SOMEDAY
DESTROY THE WORLD?



THEY'VE ALL BECOME
IRRATIONAL IN PURSUIT
OF ATTAINING EACH
OF THEIR GOALS.

THAT'S WHY HE SAT
ON THE '*GODTHRONE*',
HE KNEW ITS EXISTENCE
WOULD EVENTUALLY
DRIVE EVERYONE
AROUND HIM TO MADNESS.



INCLUDING,
QUITE
POSSIBLY,
HIMSELF.

ALL IN A
QUEST TO
FIND THE
WOMAN
HE LOVES.

DID YOU
SPEAK TO
GAIA ABOUT
RAISING
WANDA?

SHE
ACCEPTED
YOUR
TERMS.

BUT SHE
NEEDS YOUR
WIFE'S SOUL TO DO
IT, WHICH IS HIDDEN
BEHIND ONE OF THE
DEAD ZONES. GAIA WILL
PRESERVE WANDA'S
BODY UNTIL YOU'RE
ABLE TO BRING
THAT TO HER.

WHEN HE DOES...
BABYLON WILL RISE.



IN THE MEANTIME, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO WITH THESE *TRAITORS*? TIME'S RUNNING OUT.



LET THEM PLAN.

TO WHAT END?

IT'LL SHOW US WHO'S REALLY CONTROLLING THEIR GROUP, WHETHER IT'S ONE OF THEM OR SOMEONE FROM AFAR. ONCE I GET THAT ANSWER--WE TEAR THEM APART. ALL OF THEM.

WHAT IF THEIR LEADER CONTINUES TO HIDE?

THEN I'LL FIND HIM ON MY OWN. THERE'S ONLY *ONE* PERSON THAT COULD ACTUALLY STOP ME.

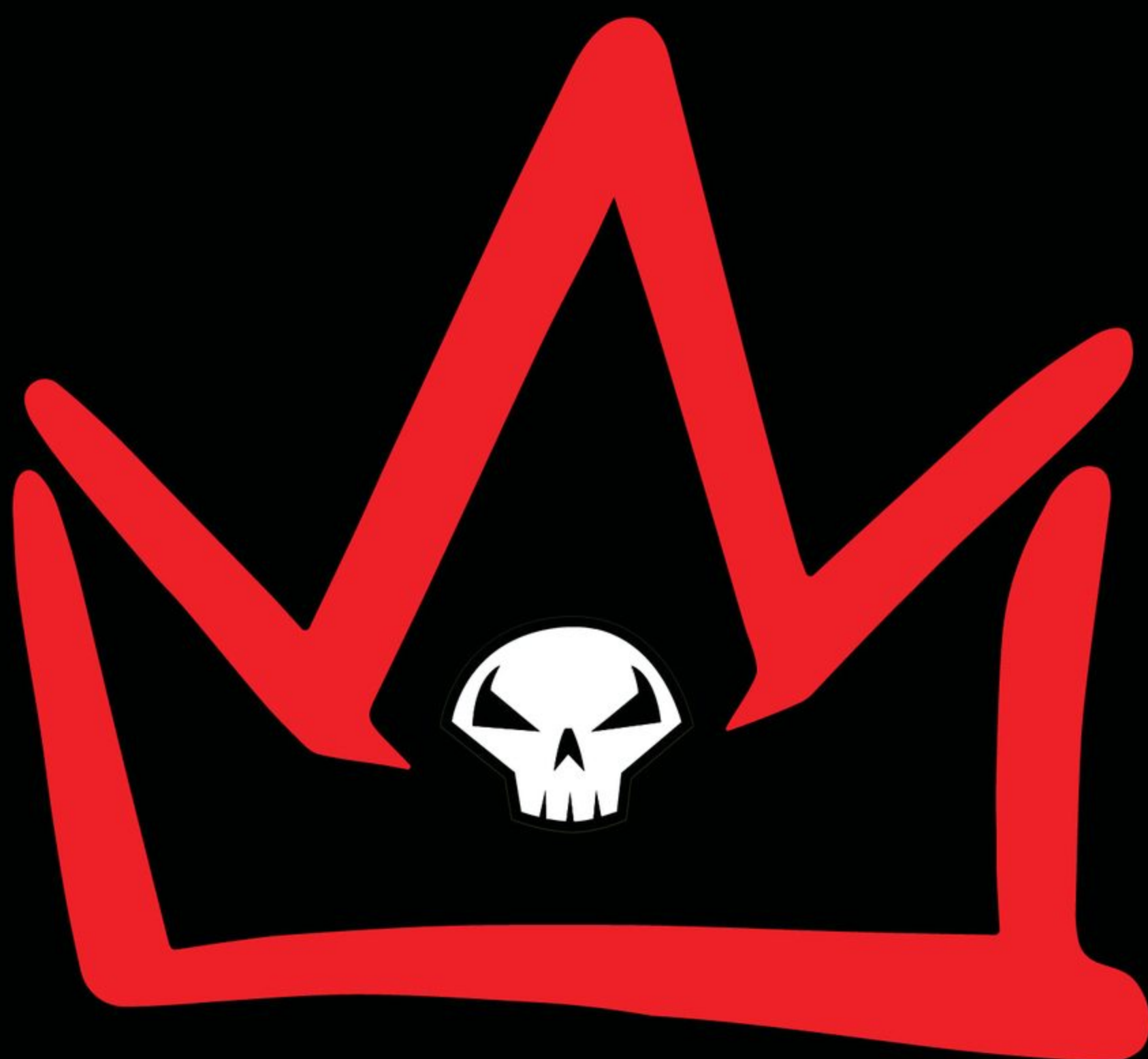
"I'M JUST
HOPING IT'S
NOT HIM."

I DON'T
CARE WHAT
YOU HAVE TO DO,
JUST GET HERE! I'M
TIRED OF HEARING
EXCUSES! I NEED
HELP!

NO, I
WON'T CALM
DOWN!

YOU
SAID TO
CALL WHEN I WAS
SURE--WELL,
I'M SURE!

WE NEED
TO TAKE AL
SIMMONS, DOWN,
NOW!!



SPAWNING GROUND

PRESENTS:

MAILBAG

Hello, I've been reading the Spawn comics. I'm on #12 of King Spawn, #9 of Gunslinger Spawn and #7 of The Scorched. I am a little confused about each different comic line in the Spawn Universe. At first, I thought they were all connected and working around each other. But lately, I am just unsure. I've attempted to research the issue myself but have found nothing. So I guess I am asking if they are all connected in the same universe or separately doing their own thing? I would appreciate some clarification on the issue. Thank you for your time and thanks for the cool Spawn comics.

-BRANDON

Brandon, thanks for the letter. Yes, all of the current Spawn Universe titles are taking place in the same Universe, though not necessarily at the same time. The current Gunslinger storyline by Todd and Brett was a little behind in the continuity of the other 3 books. It was showing what Gunslinger was up to after he escaped Omega Island but before he joined the Scorched.

-THOMAS

King Spawn is one of my favorite comics. if Simmons ends up accepting the crown of hell, Clown/Violator will be very angry. Will we see Violator in King Spawn comic? I guess Cogliostro/Sinn won't be happy if Al Simmons takes the throne of hell either. Is Malebolgia really dead or can his soul be resurrected in some kind of ritual? What would happen if we humans discovered that there are hidden angels and demons in our world?

-FRANCISCO

Hey, Francisco! That is a lot of questions. Let's see how many we can answer for you. If you are reading this issue, you know that Clown is here and plotting against Al, and if Clown is here, then VIOLATOR can't be too far behind! As far as Malebolgia goes, everyone seems to talk like he is gone forever... but you never know. For your final question, I think if the Human Race found out about what was really happening in the world around them, there would be widespread panic across the globe. So it's probably good that they don't.

-THOMAS

Howdy Spawn Team! I'm thoroughly enjoying all of the Spawn titles being released right now. It's been great to see so many characters from across the Spawn mythos come together for what feels like a giant grandiose story. I'm writing to ask about one character who I've been waiting to see. When are we going to see the return of Ninja Spawn? After the tease for him a while ago and the (awesome) new action figure of him, I'm really itching to learn more about his character.

-JACK

Jack, you are right. We really do need to get Ninja Spawn in the books soon! His Origin is going to be a really cool story to tell. I may know some people that can help...

-THOMAS

While I was traveling in New York, I came across this cool King Spawn sketch cover that I just had to share. Zack at 4th World Comics did it, his IG is @zaart1, and if you are ever on Long Island, you should definitely check out the shop.

-THOMAS



Do you have a question or comment about Spawn? If so, e-mail it to us at: spawningground@mcfarlane.com

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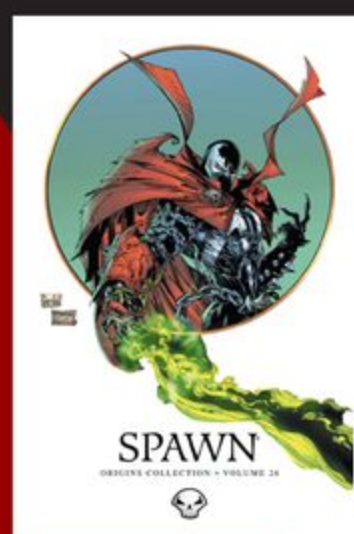
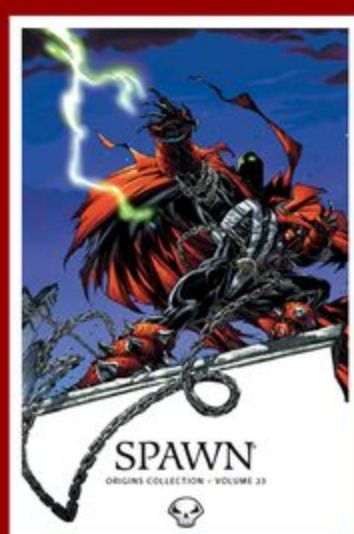
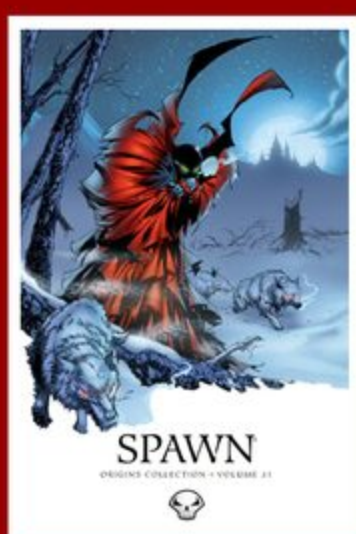
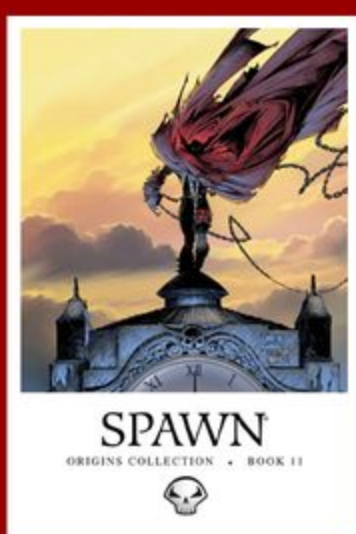
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